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ARTFORD, the capital of the State of Connecticut, and one of the most beautiful of American cities, is located almost midway between the great metropolis of the Empire State and New England's largest city, fifty miles north from Long Island Sound, at the head of navigation on the Connecticnt River.

Hartford was first settled in 1636 by immigrants who traveled on foot through the Massachusetts wilderness to the banks of the Connecticut, driving their cattle before them and sometimes living entirely upon milk.

The towns settled by these hardy pioneers adopted the first written constitution in America, and took the name of the Connecticut Colony. It was here in Hartford that the tyrannical Andros demanded the charter in 1687, and the "Charter Oak" in which it was hidden by the indignant colonists was well cared for until its destruction in 1856.

In 1665 the Connecticut Colony united with the New Haven Colony, which had been settled by English immigrants. The early division into two colonies was long marked by the fact that Connecticut had two capitals, but since 1873 Hartford has held that distinction alone.

The splendid city of to-day covering an area of over seventeen square miles, with a population of nearly one hundred thousand people, has a world-wide reputation as a center of great insurance interests, and for the high grade product of its manufacturing concerns. It is also noted as the headquarters for an extensive trade in Connecticut tobacco.

Few cities have so well-established a reputation for educational facilities; its charitable institutions are numerous and well supported: while its park system is acknowledged to be the equal of any in the United States.

The city has also acquired fame as having been the home of many writers of international reputation, among whom were Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Mark Twain), Harriet Beecher Stowe, Charles Dudley Warner, Lydia Huntley Sigourney, John Trumbell, Joel Barlow and Horace Bushnell. Although many of these writers have passed away. Hartford still retains its literary pre-eminence.

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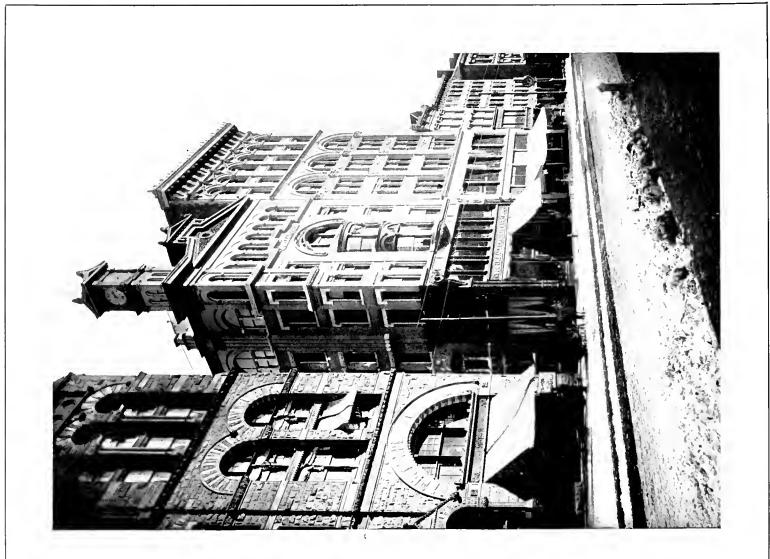
PHOTOGRAPHS BY WARNER PHOTOGRAPH CO. COPR., 1906, 1908, 1910, BY L. H. NELSON CO., PORTLAND, ME. SOTH THOUSAND



A building that is the pride of the State—completed in January, 1880, at a cost of \$2.534.024.46—Total cost of land, building, and furniture, \$3.342,550.72. Located on a hill—surrounded by beautiful grounds of which Bushnell Park forms a part.





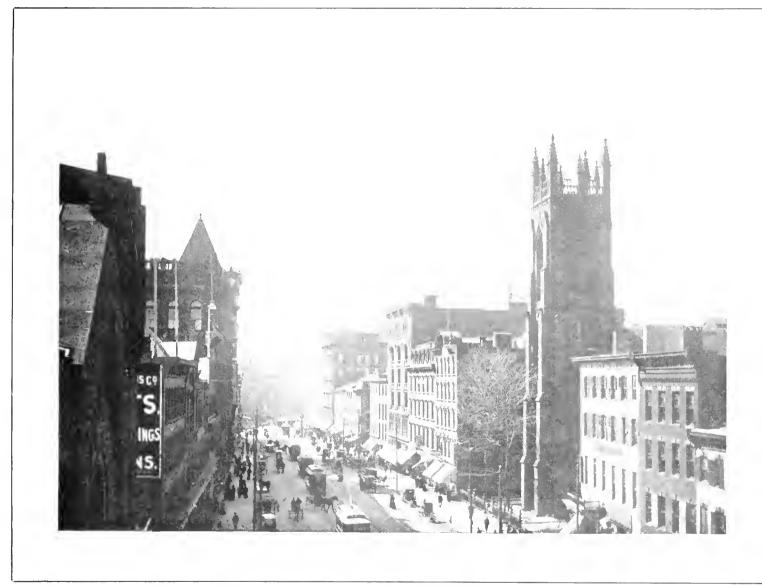


VIEW OF MAIN STREET Showing two of its handsome business structures, the Ballerstein and Sage-Allen buildings.





 ${\tt MAIN\ STREET,\ NORTH\ FROM\ CITY\ HALL}$ Showing Goodwin's drug store on the right. A place that has been closed only two hours in thirty years,

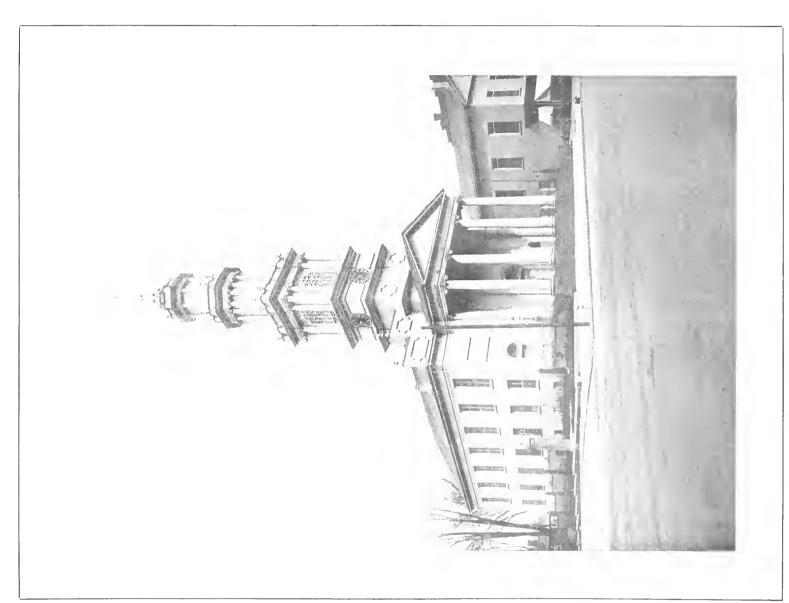


A BIT OF BUSY MAIN STREET Looking South from Morgan Street, showing Christ Church,

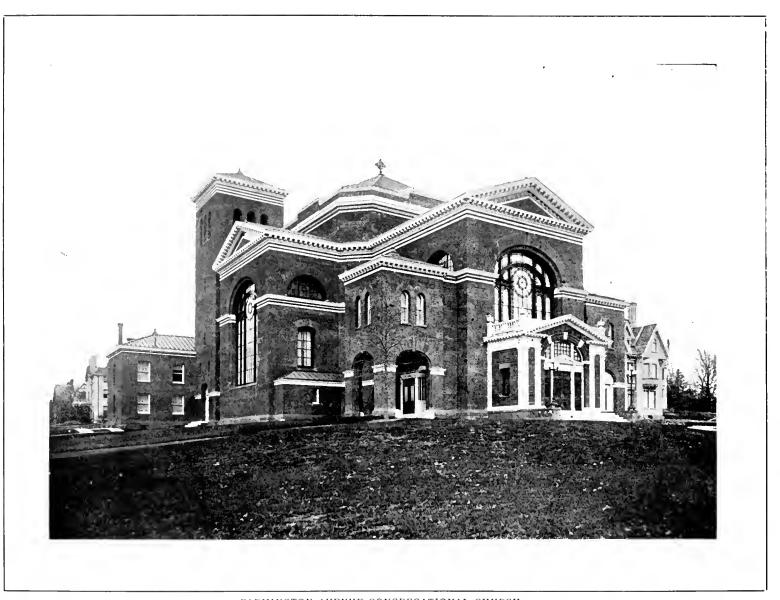


CITY HALL
Formerly the Old State House, and a building so rich in historic associations that a recent project rebuild it aroused a clamor of remonstrance.

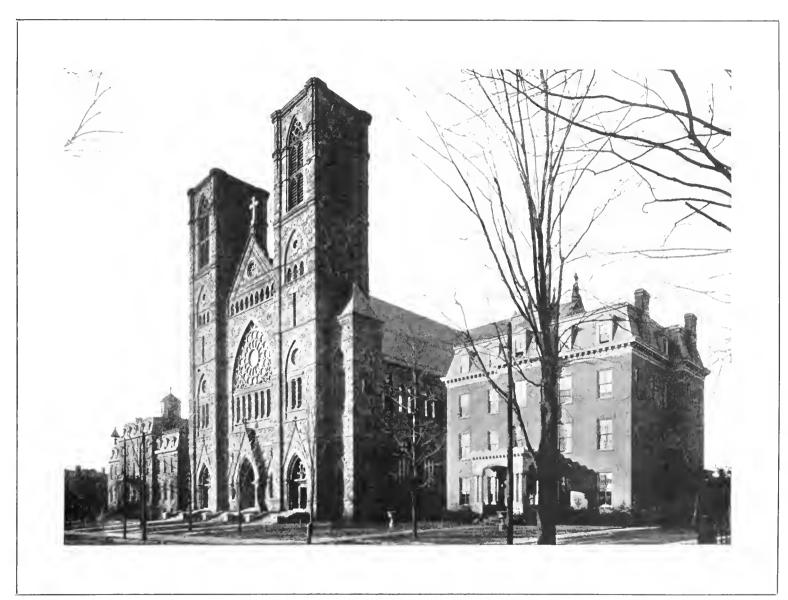
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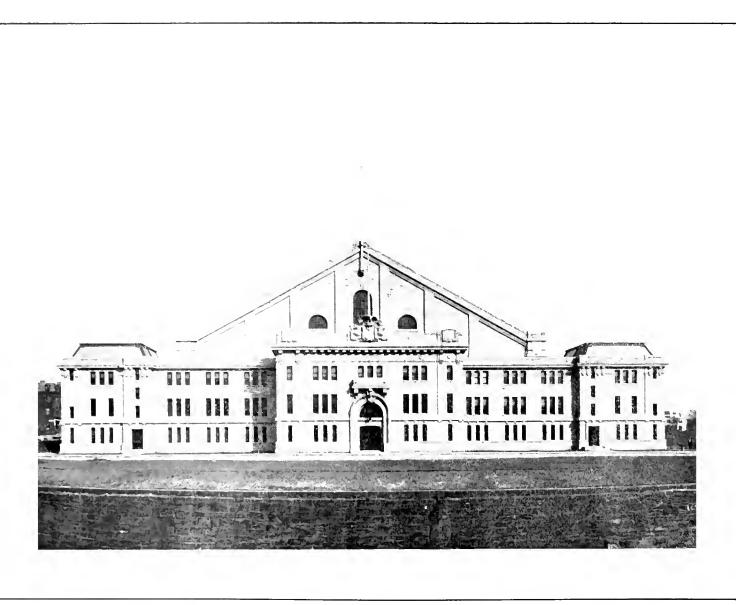
CENTER CHURCH (FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST)
Organized first at Cambridge. Mass., 1632; removed to Hartford with Rev. Thomas Hooker as pastor



FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
The successor of the Old Pearl Street Congregational Church, built in a more fashionable part of the city.



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL—ROMAN CATHOLIC Noted as one of the most beautiful church edifices in the United States, built of brown stone in Gothic style



STATE ARMORY AND ARSENAL

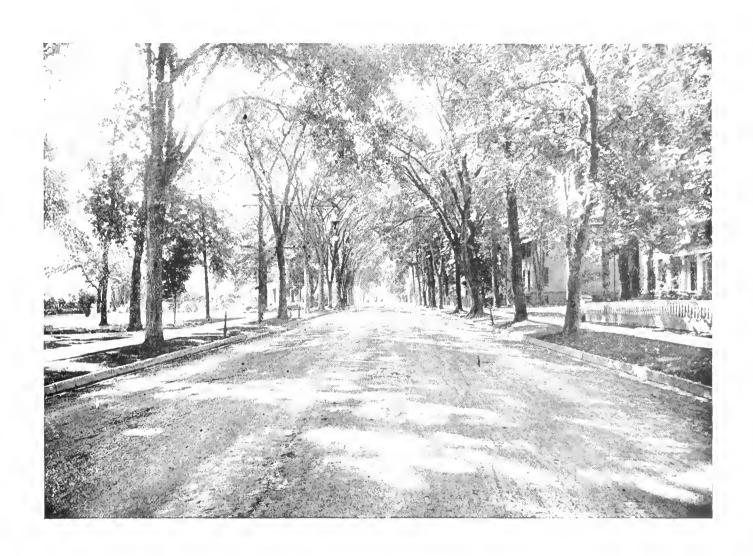


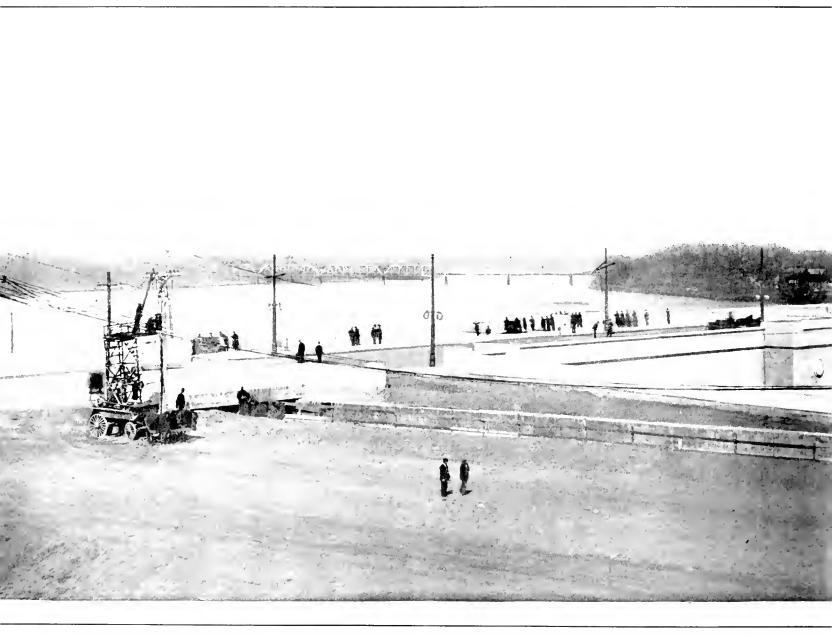
THE CATLIN BUILDING—CORNER MAIN AND ASYLUM STREETS Recently erected, replacing an old landmark.



FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING—STATE STREET A modern office structure of metropolitan design.

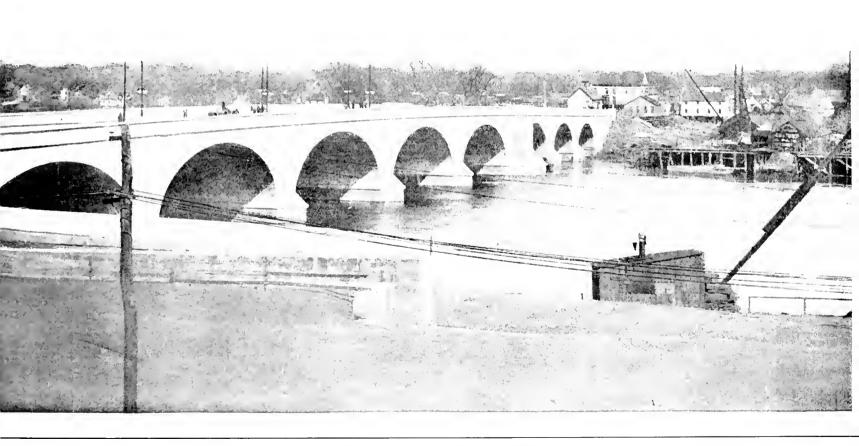






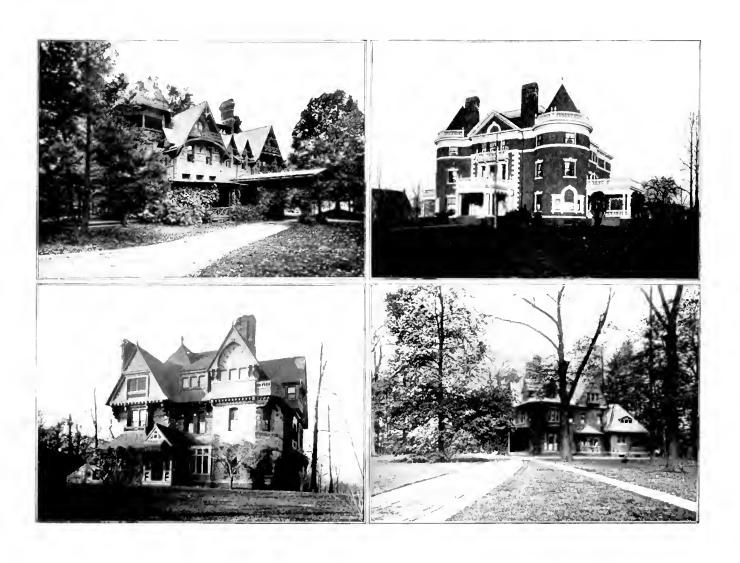
NEW CONNECTICUT

This great bridge, built with 9 spans and 8 piers, and with a maximum clear height of arch above low water of 45 feet, is the largest stone arch bridge in the world, having a total length of 1.193 feet. The width is 82 feet, divided into two 10-foot sidewalks and a 60-foot roadway. Total cost of construction about \$1,600,000.



RIVER BRIDGE

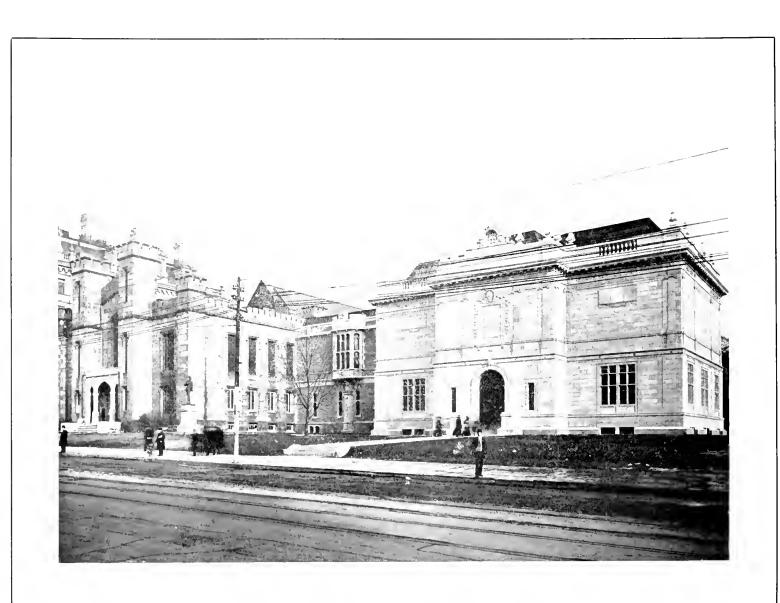
From top of foundation to belt course of springing line, the arch is built of Lecte's Island granite, all other remaining stone above this point. Stony Creek granite. The total amount of masonry is about 100,000 cubic yards. Over 125,000 barrels of cement were used in this structure. The deepest foundation is about 50 feet below ordinary low water.





HARRIET BEECHER STOWE'S HOME ON FOREST STREET

Here the famous author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" spent her declining years, her death occurring only a few years ago.





TRINITY COLLEGE

View of the main building, located on a high hill and commanding a beautiful view.



RESIDENCE OF IRA DIMOCK—VANDERBILT HILL—FARMINGTON AVENUE Originally built by Cornelius Vanderbilt.



KENEY TOWER

Erected on North Main Street, in memoriam of the Kency family, and containing a very expensive chime clock.



CIVIL WAR MORTAR

This 13 inch scacoast mortar was in actual use by the 3d regiment during the campaign in front of Petersburg, 1864-65, and widely known as the "Petersburg Express."



POND HOUSE—ELIZABETH PARK
This park was bequeathed to the city by Charles M. Pond, who named it for his wife. Elizabeth—\$200,000 for its development accompanied the gift.



A GROVE IN ELIZABEHI PARK.
One of the many beautiful spots in this charming retreat



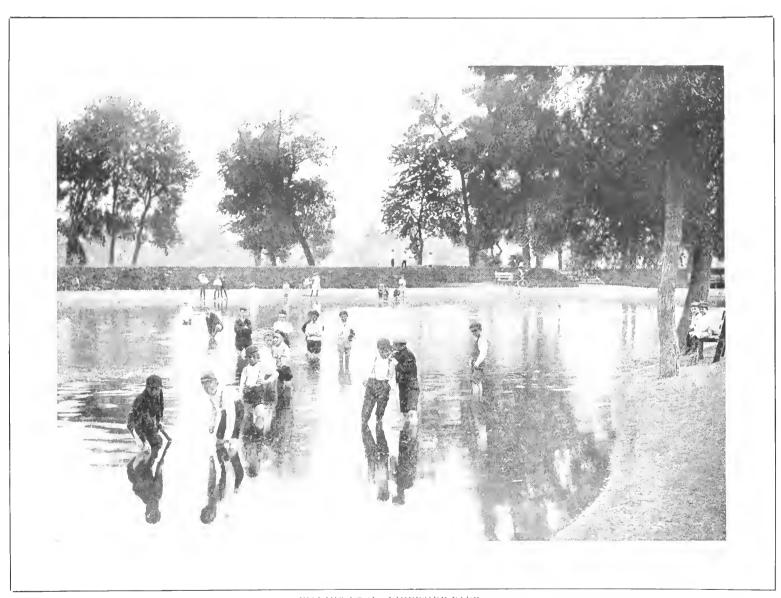
A GEM FROM BEAUTIFUL ELIZABETH PARK Rustic bridge and fountain.



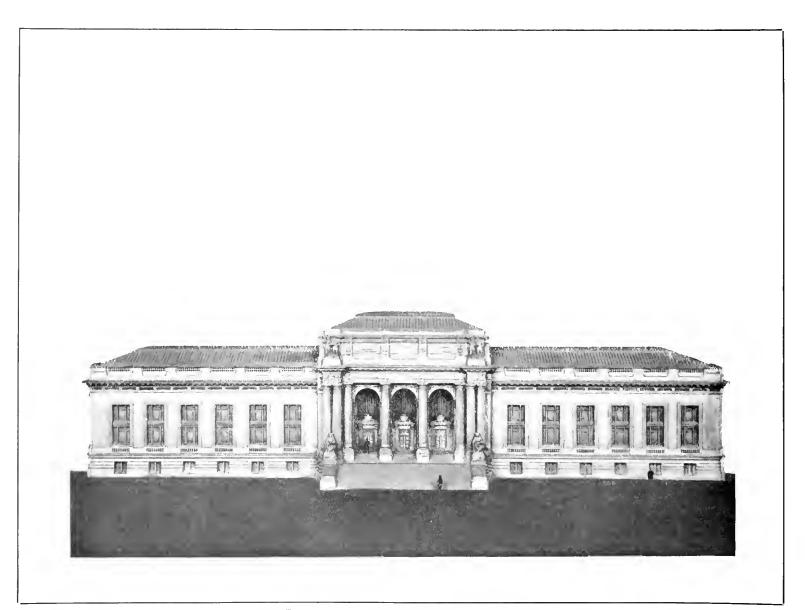
Showing Talcott Mountain. One of the beautiful scenes found within the borders of that delightful spot.



VIEW OF RIVERSIDE PARK
Showing the railroad bridge spanning the Connecticut River to the north.



WADING POOL—RIVERSIDE PARK
A real recreation place for the youn, sters—there are no signs "Keep off the Grais" in this park

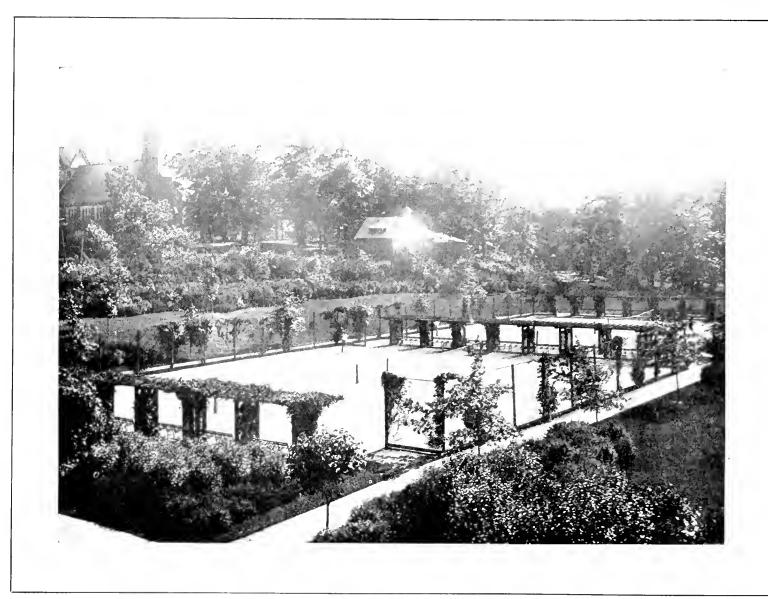


STATE LIBRARY AND SUPREME COURT BUILDING



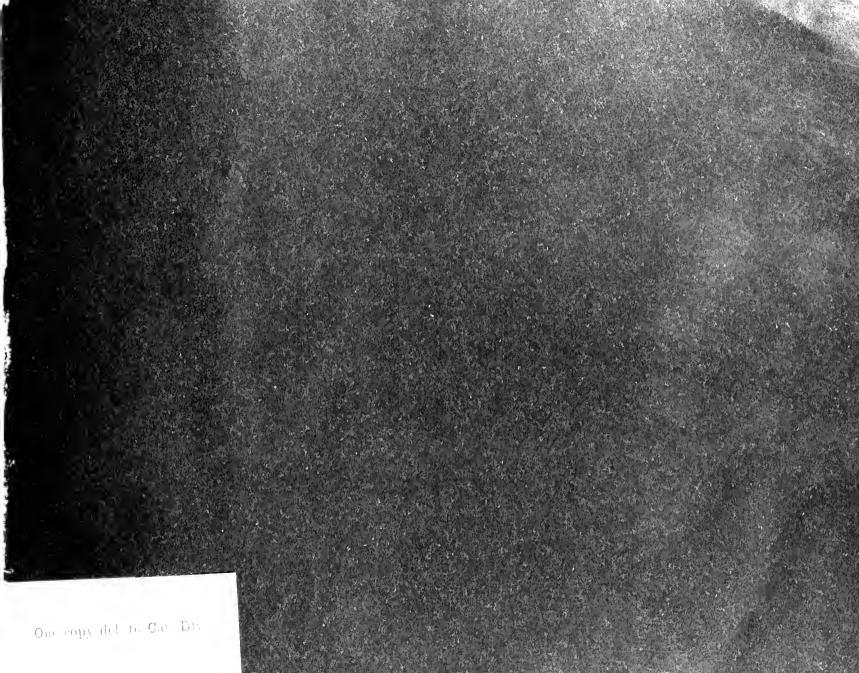
GROVE IN POPE PARK

One of the ideal spots found in this pleasant park.



TENNIS COURT OF POPE PARK

This park was given to the city by Col. Albert A. Pope, of bicycle fame, and is devoted to the pleasure of Hartford's west side factory district.





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